



Classic Japanese Film Festival at the Access Art Gallery

This Thursday evening the Access Art Gallery on Caya Betico Croes in Oranjestad will present the Japanese classic "Seven Samurai" by famed director Akira Kurasawa, starring Toshiro Mifune. This is the first of a series of renowned Japanese films from the 50's and 60's including "The Samurai Trilogy-the Story of Musashi Miyamoto" by Japanese director Inagaki.

The Seven Samurai (1954) is an epic film which was remade in the states as the famous western "The Magnificent Seven." This film was one of the first to generate western interest in Japanese culture and cinema and following the success of "Roshomon" made international names of Kurasawa and his star, Toshiro Mifune. The story of seven lone Ronin, samurai with no lord or fealty defending a peasant village against overpowering odds is a classic tale of heroism and bushido, the samurai code of honor, and yet depicts the cultural changes that will eventually make the samurai obsolete.

Akira Kurasawa received an Honorary Academy Award of Lifetime Achievement in 1990. His works have inspired directors such as Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Martin Scorsese, and Francis Ford Coppala. The film will start at 8.p.m. in the second floor gallery. Donations are welcome and refreshments are available from the café. For more information call 588-7837.